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Meeting of the Interdepartmental Group  
on START Policy

JCS review completed

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The IG reviewed the Working Group's paper on ALCM and bomber limits. JCS expressed concern that, in the context of limits on ALCM loadings, the previously agreed Phase II objective of 250 heavy bombers may be too low. JCS proposed that the paper include an option which would set a higher ceiling and indicated that JCS was studying what the appropriate level should be. The IG agreed that the Working Group paper should be revised to include such an option.

The IG also directed the Working Group to incorporate in the SLCM paper an evaluation of the net impact of the options on US and Soviet SLCM programs. The IG also asked that the Working Group's paper contain a more detailed discussion of the mission and roles of US SLCMs, particularly the TLAM/N. JCS raised the question of whether START was the appropriate venue for limiting SLCMs.

JCS indicated that it was preparing a new option for counting throw-weight, which would be distributed to the Working Group by January 10. The IG consequently deferred decision on this paper.

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The IG also reviewed the status of the START work program and progress on the drafting of a Basic Elements paper for the third round. Ambassador Rowny raised recent Soviet public discussion of the negotiations and expressed his hope that the USG was working on a counter to the Soviet statements.. The Ambassador also urged that public affairs guidance be circulated as widely and quickly as possible, so that Administration spokesmen could follow a common line.

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